

Board of Commissioners Minutes

February 10, 2026 - 9 a.m.

Council Chambers - Courthouse Room 300

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:02 a.m. with the following members present: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Xiong and Chair Ortega. Also present were Ling Becker, County Manager, and Jada Lewis, Civil Division Director, Ramsey County Attorney's Office.

ROLL CALL

Present: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Presented by Commissioner Xiong.

1. Agenda of February 10, 2026 is Presented for Approval [2026-062](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of February 10, 2026.

Motion by Jebens-Singh, seconded by McGuire. Motion passed.

Aye: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong

2. Minutes from February 3, 2026 are Presented for Approval [2026-063](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the February 3, 2026 Minutes.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Moran. Motion passed.

Aye: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

3. Eighth Amended Joint Powers Agreement of the Ramsey County Violent Crime Enforcement Team [2025-553](#)

Sponsors: Sheriff's Office

1. Approve the Eighth Amended Joint Powers Agreement of the Ramsey County Violent Crime Enforcement Team.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the Joint Powers Agreement.

Motion by Xiong, seconded by McMurtrey. Motion passed.

Aye: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong

Resolution: [B2026-026](#)

5. Joint Powers Agreement with Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Bureau [2026-051](#)

of Criminal Apprehension for Participation in the Human Trafficking
Investigators Task Force

Sponsors: Sheriff's Office

1. Approve the Joint Powers Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, 1430 Maryland Street East, Saint Paul, MN 55106 for participation in the Human Trafficking Investigators Task Force upon execution through five years from the fully executed agreement.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the Joint Powers Agreement.

Motion by Xiong, seconded by McMurtrey. Motion passed.

Aye: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong

Resolution: B2026-027

4. Joint Powers Agreement with Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension for Participation in the Violent Crime Reduction Unit [2026-050](#)

Sponsors: Sheriff's Office

1. Approve the Joint Powers Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, 1430 Maryland Street East, Saint Paul, MN 55106 for participation in the Violent Crime Reduction Unit upon execution through three years from the fully executed agreement.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the Joint Powers Agreement.

Presented by Mike Martin, Undersheriff, Ramsey County Sheriff's Office. Discussion can be found on archived video.

Motion by Jebens-Singh, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

Aye: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong

Resolution: B2026-028

6. 2026 Capital Improvement Program Bond Series 2026A - Awarding Sale [2025-335](#)

Sponsors: Finance

Approve the attached Resolution awarding the sale of General Obligation Capital Improvement Plan Bonds, Series 2026A.

Presented by Jeanette Boit-Kania, Division Director, Finance, and the county's financial advisor, Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors, LLC. Discussion can be found on archived video.

Motion by McGuire, seconded by Jebens-Singh. Motion passed.

Aye: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong

Resolution: B2026-029

POLICY ITEM

7. Presentation: 2026-2027 Countywide Strategic Plan Update [2026-049](#)

Sponsors: Policy & Administrative Strategy

None. For information and discussion only.

Presented by Michael Soto, Director, Policy and Administrative Strategy. Discussion can be found on archived video.

COUNTY CONNECTIONS

Presented by County Manager, Ling Becker. Discussion can be found on archived video.

OUTSIDE BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Discussion can be found on archived video.

BOARD CHAIR UPDATE

No updates.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ortega declared the meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

CLOSED MEETINGS

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 13D.05, subdivision 3(b) in order to discuss the Ramsey County 2025 Litigation Report. The Ramsey County Board met in a closed meeting, which was not open to the public.

In Re: Ramsey County 2025 Litigation Report

The closed meeting was called to order at 10:57 a.m.

Present: Commissioners Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Xiong, and Chair Ortega.

Also present: Ling Becker, County Manager; Jada Lewis, Civil Division Director, Ramsey County Attorney's Office; Kristine Nogosek, Assistant County Attorney; Brett Bacon, Assistant County Attorney; Deanna Pesik, Chief Compliance and Ethics Officer, Compliance and Ethics Office; Mandy Malecek, Risk Manager, Compliance and Ethics Office; Alex Kotze, Chief Financial Officer, Finance; Jason Yang, Chief Clerk, County Manager's Office.

The Board of Ramsey County Commissioners authorized the office of the Ramsey County staff to proceed as discussed in this closed meeting.

The closed meeting was adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 13D.05, subdivision 3(b) in order to discuss federal action lawsuit summary. Ramsey County Board met in a closed meeting, which was not open to the public.

In Re Federal Action Lawsuit Summary

The Closed Meeting was called to order at 3:14 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Moran, Xiong, and Chair Ortega.

Excused: Commissioner Miller.

Also present: Ling Becker, County Manager; Jada Lewis, Civil Division Director, Ramsey County Attorney's Office; Stacey D'Andrea, Assistant County Attorney, Bradly Cousins, Assistant County Attorney; Alex Kotze, Deputy County Manager, County Operations Service Team; Maria Sarabia, Chief of Staff, County Manager's Office; Andrew Greenlee, Deputy Chief of Staff; County Manager's Office; Deanna Pesik, Chief Ethics

and Compliance Officer; Jason Yang, Chief Clerk, County Manager's Office.

The Board of Ramsey County Commissioners authorized the Ramsey County staff to proceed as discussed in this closed meeting.

The closed meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.